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| | 10/030,788 | WORRELL ET AL. |
| | Examiner | Art Unit |
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| The MAILING DATE of this communication app All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85 NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT R of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.31 | 6 (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in) or other appropriate commu RIGHTS. This application is so | this application. If not included nication will be mailed in due course. THIS |
| 1. This communication is responsive to <u>Amendment filed 12</u> . | <u>-12-05</u> . | · |
| 2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4 and 7-13. | | |
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| 5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") mu | st be submitted. | |
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| Attachment(s) 1. ☑ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. Notice of Inf | ormal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | | ımmary (PTO-413), Mail Date <u>01/19/06</u> |
| 3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/Paper No./Mail Date | | 7. ⊠ Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | _ | Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT and REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Paul Kiel (Reg. No. 40,677) on 01-19-06.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Cancel claims 5-6.

In claim 1, line 6: delete "means for applying" and insert in its place -- an interface controller and operational contacts, said interface controller applying --.

In claim 1, line 11: delete "means for determining" and insert in its place -- said interface

controller determining --.

In claim 1, line 13: delete "wherein means" and insert in its place -- wherein buffers are

provided between the interface controller and selected one of said

operational contacts --.

In claim 7, line 5: delete "reader having" and insert in its place -- reader having an interface controller and --.

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In claim 7, line 18: delete "second type." and insert in its place -- second type, wherein operational contacts are enabled and disabled using buffers disposed between said interface controller and selected one of said operational contacts. --.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The claims include the limitation of determining whether the IC card is of a first type or a second type using the card's response signal to a first signal wherein buffers are disposed between the interface controller and operational contacts for one of blocking and enabling respective signal paths associated with selected ones of said operational contacts to implement an interface for one of the first card type and the second card type, which is not shown by the prior art of record, in the combination as disclosed and claimed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Trisha Vu whose telephone number is 571-272-3643. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur and alternate Fri 8:00am - 5:30pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rehana Perveen can be reached on 571-272-3676. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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